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| Application of: | Mark et al. | Confirmation No.: | 2746 |
| Serial No.: | 09/824,838 | Art Unit: | 3723 |
| Filed: | April 4, 2001 | Examiner: | James G. Smith |
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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF
ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a), Applicants hereby respectfully petition the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application, as set forth in the Notice of Abandonment dated April 15, 2004 ("Notice").

The Notice states that the application was abandoned due to Applicants' failure to timely file a reply to an Office Action mailed on May 12, 2003 ("the May 12, 2003 Office Action"). It is respectfully submitted that the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application for failure to respond to the May 12, 2003 Office Action is improper because Applicants filed **by hand** an Amendment on **July 30, 2003**, as a timely response to the May 12, 2003 Office Action.

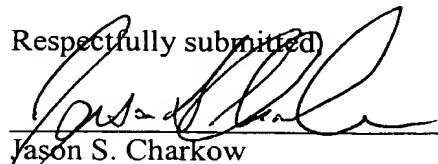
In support of this Petition, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Amendment filed on July 30, 2003 and a copy of a postcard receipt evidencing receipt by the USPTO of the Amendment filed by hand on July 30, 2003.

In light of the foregoing remarks and documentation, applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn, and that the Amendment filed on July 30, 2003, be accepted and made of record into the file of the present application.

No fee is believed to be due for this Petition since it is timely filed within two months from the date of the Notice. Should any fee be required, please charge such fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013.

Respectfully submitted

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